

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 28, 2007

H.R. 1003

A bill to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on February 15, 2007

H.R. 1003 would reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy through fiscal year 2009. (The commission's authorization expired at the end of fiscal year 2006.) The commission makes recommendations to the Department of State on policies and programs related to public diplomacy, and may also appraise the effectiveness of such policies and programs. It reports to the Congress on its recommendations and appraisals.

Based on information from the Department of State, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost about \$300,000 a year over the 2008-2009 period, subject to the appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 1003 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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